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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 and ending on page 1, line 8 with the following paragraph:

The invention relates to a crimp connector for electrical contacting an electrical conductor embedded in an insulating layer. The invention further relates to a method for electrical contacting an electrical conductor embedded in an insulating layer by means of a crimp connector.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 18 and ending on page 2, line 10 with the following paragraph:

The crimp connectors are commonly provided with corresponding piercing tines that are used as penetration connectors for contacting foil electrical conductors, such as flexible flat cables (FFC) or flexible printed circuit boards (FPC). An example of this type of crimp connector is shown in Fig. 16. The crimp connector of Fig. 16 has a base 108, which may be connected, for example, to a plug contact, and at least one piercing tine 104 that contacts an electrical conductor 122 of a flat conductor 124 by penetrating insulating material 120 provided thereon. The piercing tines 104 may be formed with a tapering, sharp-edge-type structure, so they cut into the electrical conductor 122 during assembly, as shown, for example, in US 4,082,402 (Kincaid et al), US 4,106,836 (Asick et al), US 4,270,828 (Thurston) and US 4,669,798 (Daum et al). During assembly, the piercing tines 104 are pressed downward with the aid of a suitable crimping tool in a direction of the electrical conductor 122 to penetrate the insulating material 120 and contact the electrical conductor 122.